

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No: 29476/14657B

CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)



Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.53(b) for filing a


- ☒ continuation application.
☐ divisional application.

1. Particulars of Prior Application

Application Serial No: 10/004,674
Filed on: December 3, 2001
Title: Microlithography Reduction Objective and
Projection Exposure Apparatus
Art Unit: 2851
Examiner: H. Nguyen
Prior Docket No.: 29476/14657A

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this Continuing Application Transmittal Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on **June 25, 2003**, in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Arlington, VA 22313-1450 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. **EV 341012602 US**.


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2. Application Papers Enclosed

- 1 Title Page
- 23 Pages of Specification (excluding Claims, Abstract, Drawings & Sequence Listing)
- 4 Pages of Claims
- 1 Pages of Abstract
- 6 Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1 to 8b)
 - ☒ Formal
 - ☐ Informal

3. Declaration or Oath

- ☒ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicant(s). An executed declaration will follow.

4. This request is filed by:

Full Name of Inventor	Family Name	First Given Name	Second Given Name
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5. Amendments

- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/004,674, filed on December 3, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/503,640, filed on February 14, 2000.

- ☒ Cancel claims in the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

- ☐ The filing fee is based upon entry of the foregoing amendment(s) (if any).

6. Incorporation By Reference

- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7. **Priority**

- ☒ Priority of application No. 199 06 001.0, filed on February 15, 1999 in Germany and application No. 199 48 240.3, filed October 7, 1999 is claimed under 35 USC 119.
- ☒ The certified copies were filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 09/503,640.
- ☐ The certified copyies have not been filed.

8. **Assignment**

- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to , and has been recorded at Reel No. _____, Frame No. _____.

9. **Small Entity Status**

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement is attached.

10. **Application to Be Published**

- ☒ Yes.
- ☐ No. A Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) is attached.

11. **Fee Calculation**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$370.00		\$750.00
TOTAL	39 -20	=19	X 9 =	\$	19 X 18 =	\$288.00
INDEP.	5 - 3	= 2	X 42 =	\$	2 X 84 =	\$168.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 140 =	\$	+ 280 =	\$280.00
Filing Fee:				\$	OR	\$1456.00

B. Design Application

Filing Fee: \$ _____

C. Plant Application

Filing Fee: \$ _____

D. Other Fees

- ☐ Recording Assignment \$ _____
- ☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors
or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused
to sign or cannot be reached \$ _____
- ☐ Other \$ _____

Total Fees Enclosed \$1456.00

12. Method of Payment of Fees

- ☐ Enclosed check in the amount of: \$ _____
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2855 in the amount of: \$1456.00
A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.
- ☐ Not enclosed

13. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or under other applicable rules (except payment of issue fees), to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Please refund any overpayment to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun at the address below.

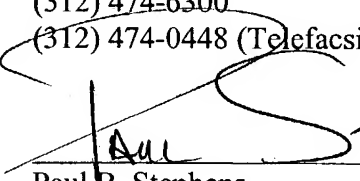
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